(ii) Reliance Industries Ltd.

(iii) Grasim Ltd. and

(iv) Essar Gujarat Ltd.

(b) and (c) The Government have given in principle approval to these companies to issue bonds/equities in the overseas market.

Impact of New Economic Policy on SCs/STs

1742. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any study on the impact of new economic policy on Scheduled Casts and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to protect the interest of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). The information is being collected.

Export of Cashewnuts

1743. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of cashewnuts exported during 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) the foreign exchange earned therefrom; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to boost its export during 1992-93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHRUSHEED): (a) and (b). The following is the export of cashewnuts from India during 1990-91 and during April-January of 1991-92:

Year	*Quantity ('000 MT)*	*Value (Rs. crores)*
1990-91 (Source: DGCI&S)	49.812	441.40
1991-92 (April-Jan.) (Source; Cashew EPC)	37.758	481.36

(c) The Government introduced a package of trade policy reforms aimed at strengthening of export incentives. This process has accelerated with the measures outlined in the Budget proposals presented to Parliament by the Hon'ble Finance Minister on 29th February, 1992.

In addition to the above, Exported Promotion Councils will be participating in certain selected fairs abroad and delegations of exporters will inter-act with importers in different countries and also by participating in Buyer-seller Meets.

Income Tax on Dearness Allowance to Central Government Employees

1744. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: